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Unscheduled Repairs Delays State Ferry *M/V Matanuska* Sailing M/V LeConte Schedule Adjusted to Oblige Wrangell & Petersburg Passengers

The *M/V Matanuska* sailed one day late from Bellingham due to a steering gear casualty. Repairs are now complete and the vessel is underway. In an effort to get the *Matanuska* back on its published schedule, the vessel will bypass Wrangell and Petersburg northbound. The *M/V LeConte* will delay its 4:00 a.m. northbound departure of Ketchikan on Monday, February 17th until 6:30 a.m. to accommodate passengers and vehicles transferring from the *Matanuska* and destined for Wrangell (new *LeConte* service) and Petersburg. Additionally, the *Matanuska's* northbound Haines stop has been cancelled and traffic bound for Haines will get off on the southbound leg from Skagway.

The *Matanuska* is expected to be back on schedule upon departure from Bellingham on Friday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. The *LeConte* will return to its published on Wednesday, February 19th departing Ketchikan at 2:10 p.m.

The *Matanuska* revised schedule is:

Sat.	Feb. 15	Lv. Bellingham	5:00 p.m. (23 hours later than published)
Mon.	Feb. 17	Ar. Ketchikan	6:00 a.m.
		Lv. Ketchikan	7:00 a.m. (18 hours 30 minutes late)
			(bypass Wrangell and Petersburg)
		Ar. Juneau	10:00 p.m.
		Lv. Juneau	11:00 p.m. (12 hours 45 minutes late)
			(bypass Haines northbound)
Tue.	Feb. 18	Ar. Skagway	4:00 a.m. (11 hours 15 minutes late)

Tue.	Feb. 18	Lv. Skagway	4:45 a.m. (10 hours 30 minutes late)
		Ar. Haines	5:45 a.m.
		Lv. Haines	7:00 a.m. (10 hours 45 minutes late)
		Ar. Juneau	11:00 a.m.
		Lv. Juneau	11:45 a.m. (7 hours 45 minutes late)
		Ar. Sitka	8:30 p.m. (6 hours 45 minutes late)
Wed.	Feb. 19	Ar. Petersburg	10:00 a.m.
		Lv. Petersburg	10:45 a.m. (6 hours 15 minutes late)
		Ar. Wrangell	1:45 p.m.
		Lv. Wrangell	2:45 p.m. (6 hours 15 minutes late)
		Ar. Ketchikan	8:00 p.m.
		Lv. Ketchikan	8:45 p.m. (4 hours 45 minutes late)
Fri.	Feb. 21	Ar. Bellingham	10:45 a.m. (2 hours 45 minutes late)

The *LeConte* revised scheduled is:

Mon.	Feb. 17	Lv. Ketchikan	6:30 a.m. (2 hours 30 minutes later than published)
		Ar. Wrangell	11:55 a.m. (new service)
		Lv. Wrangell	12:30 p.m.
		Ar. Petersburg	3:30 p.m.
		Lv. Petersburg	4:00 p.m. (3 hours 45 minutes late)
		Ar. Kake	8:00 p.m.
		Lv. Kake	8:30 p.m. (3 hours 30 minutes late)
Tue.	Feb. 18	Ar. Sitka	7:30 a.m. (6 hours 30 minutes late)
Tue.	Feb. 18	Lv. Sitka	10:30 a.m. (7 hours 30 minutes late)
		Ar. Kake	6:30 p.m.
		Lv. Kake	7:00 p.m. (6 hours 45 minutes late)
		Ar. Petersburg	11:00 p.m.
		Lv. Petersburg	11:30 p.m. (6 hours 45 minutes late)
Wed.	Feb. 19	Ar. Ketchikan	7:00 a.m.
		Lv. Ketchikan	7:30 a.m. (1 hour late)
		Ar. Metlakatla	9:00 a.m. (1 hour late)
Wed.	Feb. 19	Lv. Metlakatla	9:30 a.m. (1 hour late)
		Ar. Ketchikan	11:00 a.m.
Wed.	Feb. 19	Lv. Ketchikan	2:10 p.m. (on published schedule)
		Ar. Metlakatla	3:40 p.m.

For detailed revised schedule information, periodic specials and latest news items passengers are encouraged to visit the Alaska Marine Highway Web site at www.alaska.gov/ferry, to contact their local terminal or call toll free 800-642-0066 or 907-465-3941.

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